House Resolution No. 449

Whereas, the Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, Union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of California, and President of the United States; and

Whereas, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the fortieth President of the United States of America; the second of which he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in forty-nine of the fifty states in the general election - a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

Whereas, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

Whereas, during his presidency, Mr. Reagan worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to Government, which led to an unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

Whereas, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values, and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century; and

Whereas, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and

Whereas, on February 6, 2004, Ronald Reagan will commemorate his Ninety-third Birthday:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a proud tribute of deep gratitude to Ronald Reagan for his outstanding service to this country as citizens all across this great land pause to honor him in appreciation of his leadership and accomplishments on Ronald Reagan Day, February 6, 2004; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in recognition of President Ronald Wilson Reagan, Fortieth President of the United States.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 449, adopted February 9, 2004.